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RE: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to FCC 01-157 and 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.314, the FCC requires states that wish to receive Federal High-Cost support for ETCs to file certification that funds will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission hereby files this certification to allow all ETCs listed in the Attachment to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2002 consistent with § 254(e) of the Communications Act.

The MPUC has obtained affidavits provided by a corporate officer of each ETC including a sworn statement that support that will be received will only be used for the intended purposes. The MPUC also required and received additional documentation pertaining to Year 2000 Federal High-Cost support received and company operational and capital expenditures. Beyond those procedures, the MPUC has not undertaken further processes to assure that future federal support received will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Based on those affidavits and additional documentation, the MPUC certifies that the ETCs listed on the Attachment to this letter will only use Federal High Cost support received in 2002 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which that support is intended. We believe that this complies with the FCC requirement.

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Sincerely,



Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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Attachment - List of Companies, September 2001

Company Name

Ace Telephone Association
Albany Mutual Telephone Association
Arrowhead Communications Corporation
Arvig Telephone Company
Barnesville Municipal Telephone Company
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
Blackduck Telephone Company
Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company
Bridge Water Telephone Company
Callaway Telephone Company
Cannon Valley Telecom, Inc.
CenturyTel of Chester, Inc.
CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc.
CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, Inc.
Christensen Communications Company
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota
Clara City Telephone Exchange Company
Clements Telephone Company, Inc.
Consolidated Telephone Company
Crosslake Communications
Delavan Telephone Company
Dunnell Telephone Company, Inc.
Eagle Valley Telephone Company
East Otter Tail Telephone Company
Easton Telephone Company
Eckles Telephone Company
Emily Cooperative Telephone Company
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
Federated Telephone Cooperative
Federated Utilities, Inc. fka Hancock
Felton Telephone Company, Inc.
Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.
Garden Valley Telephone Company
Gardenville Cooperative Telephone Association
Granada Telephone Company
Halstad Telephone Company
Harmony Telephone Company

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Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa
Hills Telephone Company
Home Telephone Company
Hutchinson Telephone Company
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.
Johnson Telephone Company
Kasson-Mantorville Telephone Company
Lakedale Telephone Company
Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company
Lonsdale Telephone Company
Loretel Systems, Inc.
Lowry Telephone Company
Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company
Manchester-Hartland Telephone Company
Mankato Citizens Telephone Company
Melrose Telephone Company
Mid-Communications, Inc.
Mid-State Telephone Company
Midwest Telephone Company, all others listed as other affiliates
Minnesota Lake Telephone Company
Minnesota Valley Telephone Company
New Ulm Telecom, Inc.
Northern Telephone Company
Osakis Telephone Company
Park Region Mutual Telephone Company
Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Company
Peoples Telephone Company
Pine Island Telephone Company
Polar Communications
Red River Rural Telephone Company
Redwood County Telephone Company
Rothsay Telephone Company
Runestone Telephone Association
Sacred Heart Telephone Company
Scott-Rice Telephone Company
Sherburne County Rural
Sioux Valley Telephone Company

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Sleepy Eye Telephone Company
Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc.
Spring Grove Cooperative Telephone Company
Sprint Minnesota, Inc.
Starbuck Telephone Company
Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company
Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association
Valley Telephone Company
West Central Telephone Company
Western Telephone Company
Wikstrom Telephone Company
Wilderness Valley Telephone Company, Inc.
Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association
Winsted Telephone Company
Winthrop Telephone Company
Wolverton Telephone Company
Woodstock Telephone Company
Zumbrota Telephone Company
WWC Holding Co. Inc.